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Philippians 2:3*



Welcome!
Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

Living in uncertain times is certainly a challenge for all of us. Some of us will be affected more than others by circumstances we find ourselves in across the state of Victoria.

When Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, a big part of his message was about how God has reconciled us to Himself as an act of grace. He also explains how we as individuals are reconciled to one another. Further to this, Paul tells us that God has, in fact, gone even further than this and united us together in one body, which we call the Church.

In these troubling times, throughout every community, not just the Church, we hold a wide spectrum of ideas about the world we live in. Everyone has an opinion on Coronavirus, lockdowns, face masks, social distancing and vaccines. I believe that God's desire for us is that, in the midst of all the division our world is experiencing, our College Community will be an example of how to be loving, non-judgmental and respectful toward each other. Throughout the trouble and hardship that many

of us are experiencing, this can be seen as an invitation to cultivate Christlikeness by putting others first. As Paul states in one of his other letters (to the Philippians), **"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."** **Philippians 2:3.**

In light of this, let us pick up the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, remembering that this is not a weapon we use to hurt others, but one which enables us to STAND together as His Church against the powers of evil. As we all know by now, the Word of God is Jesus Christ himself, and when we carry Jesus with us in our daily lives, we achieve two things. Firstly, He becomes more of a presence in our own struggles, helping us to face our own challenges and overcome them. Secondly, we bring more of Jesus and his peace into the lives of each other and into the world.

And we all agree that our world today desperately needs more of Jesus.

Grace & Peace

2021 Term Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 14th July -
Thursday 16th September

Term 4

Monday 4th October -
Tuesday 7th December

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August
Book Week

Friday 27th August
Book Week Dress Up Parade

Monday 30th August - Friday 3rd
September

Teacher's Aide Appreciation
Week

Friday 3rd September:
Father's Day Stall

Thursday 9th September:
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NCC Showcase and Art Festival
CSEN Primary Athletics

Friday 10th September
CSEN Secondary Athletics

Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th
September

Year 9 Challenge in WA

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th
September:

Year 3 Camp

Wednesday 15th September:
Prayer at the Pole

Thursday 16th September:
Last day of Term 3 - normal
finishing time

Friday 17th September:
Student Free Day

(Camp Australia available for
full-day care of students onsite at
NCC)

Tuesday 28th September - Friday
1st October

Unit 3/4 Practice Exams

*This is subject to public health advice and
epidemiological conditions.

ENTRY TO THE 2021 ART SHOW NOW OPEN!

The NCC Art Department have
been working hard to create the
2021 Online Art Show, which is
scheduled for Week 9 of this term!

We invite members of our College
Community to enter one piece of
art to exhibit in the Show. Entry
is open to students from all year
levels, Prep - Year 12, as well as
NCC Parents and Staff.

Links for Google entry forms have
been sent via SEQTA Engage.

ENTER NOW!

Prize Categories:

Peoples Choice Awards		Art Faculty Awards	
Prep	Year 1 - Year 2	Prep	Year 1 Year 2
Year 3 - Year 4	Year 5 - Year 6	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5
Year 7 - 8	Year 9 - 10	Year 6	Year 7 Year 8
VCE & VCAL	Parents & Staff	Year 9	Year 10
		VCE & VCAL	Parents & Staff

Principal's Awards

Primary Secondary



BOOK WEEK 2021

The annual Book Week Dress Up Day will be held on Friday 27th August.
There will be an online Assembly in
the morning to celebrate.

The theme of Book Week this year
is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other
Worlds', and you may like to create
a costume related to the theme
rather than a book character.

Costumes do not need to be
elaborate - a home-made costume
or a costume from a previous year
will still add to the fun of the day.

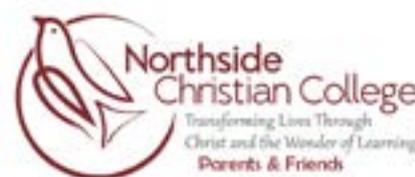
Any questions can be directed to
cmash@ncc.vic.edu.au



Artwork: Shaun Tan



DO YOU NEED PRAYER?



Parents & Friends Prayer

If anyone would like to be involved
in prayer for the College or has
any prayer requests, please contact
Jenny Masino on 0425 769 829.

100 DAYS OF PREP!

Ms Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher

The Preps were meant to enjoy a fun-filled day celebrating 100 Days of Prep; however, all of their grandparents came to school on that day instead! (Wink, wink) Although it was sad that the Preppies missed their special day, the grandparents (who all happened to be 100 years old) were welcomed to school with balloons, had a morning of activities related to the Number 100, ate 100-themed snacks and sang a song about 100 Days of School on Zoom to the Prep Parents.

We are so grateful to have enjoyed this day together!



Celebrating Our Values

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

*“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—
and the greatest of these is love.”*

1 Corinthians 13:13

This semester, the College is recognising students who actively demonstrate the College's Core Values by presenting certificates at our fortnightly assemblies. As part of our commitment to maintaining a positive learning environment, teachers are actively looking for students who exhibit acts of Hope, Faith, Love, Community, Service, Grace, Humility, Perseverance, and Integrity. We anticipate that by celebrating authentic expressions of our Core Values, we will create a greater awareness of our values within our College community and continue to develop a school culture with shared values.

We congratulate our Week 6 recipients of these awards and look forward to recognising many students in the months ahead.



*Simran (Year 7) for valuing **Community** by including all her peers in group activities, while showing encouragement through various challenging activities.*



*Romeo (Year 1) for demonstrating **Perseverance** by working hard to finish his online tasks to the best of his ability, even when the work is challenging.*



*Joshua (Year 11) for demonstrating **Faith** by being passionate about his faith and always willing to pray for others and share the hope that is within him.*



*Nathan (Year 6) for demonstrating **Service** by displaying a servant heart with his willingness to assist others and put their needs before his own.*



*Jordan (Year 12) for demonstrating **Humility** by trying hard and not self-promoting, and quietly and politely asking for help when working.*



PODCAST: TELL ME WHY

Mr Patrick Devine, English Teacher

Year 9 English students recently published a new episode of their Tell Me Why Book Discussion podcast. We invite parents, families, students, or anyone who is interested in tuning in to hear our students discuss a recently released text that explores the challenges faced by the Stolen Generation today. This edition of the text was released in March this year and our Year 9 students have already begun collaborating and sharing

their learning with our friends at Wongutha Christian Aboriginal School in Western Australia - an indigenous boarding school we have been blessed to visit each year prior to COVID. If you are thinking about picking up an autobiography to read about the first-hand experiences of the impacts of the Stolen Generations, you might be swayed to this text by our students' reviews.

You can tune in via the Podbean app, or go to <https://tellmewhyyear9.podbean.com/>



Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

Next week in Australia is Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. This provides our College community with an opportunity to thank our Learning Support staff for their hard work and dedication. We are so grateful for everything our support staff do for our students, staff, and College community.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:10-11

At Northside Christian College, our Learning Support staff assist in a wide range of roles across the College. Our Learning Support Assistants work with students and staff across all year levels. It is evident that our Learning Support are passionate about supporting our students to overcome barriers that may impact their access and participation in the learning program. Learning Support staff work closely with key staff and with classroom teachers in implementing relevant individual education programs with a focus on maintaining an inclusive learning environment for all students. The Learning Support staff work with students individually, in the classrooms, or in small groups.

During remote learning, our Learning Support staff have been assisting students and staff in a diverse range of roles, including:

~ Continuing to connect with students that they support regularly

- ~ Supporting the learning program in the remote learning room onsite during the lockdown
- ~ Facilitating some small-group intervention programs
- ~ Supporting students with prioritising overdue work and completing assigned tasks
- ~ Assisting students with time management, planning, setting goals for the day
- ~ Supporting students to communicate with their teachers if they need clarification or want to demonstrate their learning in different ways
- ~ Connecting with the parents of the students they support to see if any other support is needed to assist students with their learning
- ~ Making phone calls to families to offer support

Thank you to our Learning Support staff, for your ongoing support of our students and staff throughout the year. You play such a valuable role in supporting the College's teaching and learning program and assisting our students to be "transformed through Christ and the wonder of learning."



2021 Premiers' Reading Challenge



Keep Reading - Ends 3rd September 2021!

The total number of books now read by our Primary students is 3582, and 19 students have read enough books to have completed the Challenge - a wonderful effort!

During lockdown, it's hard to access books, as libraries and bookshops are closed. But you can read any books you have at home, listen to audio books or watch YouTube clips and add these to your total.

The last day for entering books to your record is 3rd September, so there is still plenty of time to get reading and earn your certificate from the Premier.

If you have any queries about the Challenge, please feel free to contact Mrs Marsh cmarsh@ncc.vic.edu.au or Miss Skerry rskerry@ncc.vic.edu.au

INSPIRE ~ *Staying Connected as we Grow and Learn*

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

During lockdown, we have put effort into connecting for learning as well as for fun! Our small but enthusiastic literature club (fondly nicknamed 'Extra English' by Mrs Fishwick, who started the group years ago) has been regularly meeting on Friday afternoons over Zoom to finish off the week with some literary analysis or, more recently, with some fun online language games. This has been a wonderful way for us to keep up our connections with each other, despite our remoteness from each other, and has brought much joy and laughter!

We have also had some very serious intellectual and creative work being done over Zoom, as various students from Year 4 - 10 have been involved in either training for or competing in Future Problem Solving, Debating and Public Speaking programs and competitions. While many external competitions are being cancelled, some are able to go ahead online, and our students are rising to the challenge!



Our students continue to show us that lockdowns and remote learning don't have to mean an end to continuing to grow and learn; rather, we can take the opportunities we're given and make the most of them, despite the challenges and the setbacks. Being together is a fundamental part of keeping this growth mindset alive and well, so let's welcome each opportunity we have to connect with open arms!



LEARNING ABOUT OUR PARLIAMENT

Ms Christie Vaughn, Primary Teacher

On Wednesday 11th August, the Year 5/6 cohort attended a webinar about the Parliament of Victoria. Our instructor, Rosie, gave us some information about Parliament and how Bills work. We learned that bills are ideas for a certain law or rule that you would like to enforce. Anyone can apply to make a bill, but the bill's success is dependent on whether the local Member of Parliament (e.g. the MP for the Bundoora District, Colin Brooks) thinks that the bill is a good idea that will benefit the State as a whole. The bill is voted on in the Green Room and, if it succeeds, it is then passed into the Red Room. If it passes again, it is moved on into Royal Assent where the Governor of Victoria (the representative of the Monarch Queen Elizabeth II) will then agree on the bill.

We also learned about the Parliament in general, the seating arrangements, the different parties that are

within the government and a bit more about politicians. Overall, I think I speak for everyone when I say that the Victorian Parliament is a very important part of our society and getting to learn more about it is a necessity for us.



BEST WISHES SUNÉ!

Mrs Suné Burger recently commenced maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her baby! Staff presented Suné with a lovely floral arrangement and cuddly blue bear.

Suné, we will all miss your sweet smile and friendly nature and look forward to meeting your baby! We are praying for every blessing as you prepare for this new season of motherhood. God bless you!



Team Building

Ms Ellison Cook & Mrs Sune Burger, Specialist Teachers

In the Year 7/8 Outdoor Education elective class, students had a great time taking part in team-building activities as they learned the importance of communication and encouragement when working together. One team in particular took ingenuity to a new level! It was great to see how students considered difficult obstacles whilst including and encouraging each other in the process.



Image source: PNG

Middle School Request for Art Supplies

The Art Room is in need of old newspapers and cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls).

If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them at Reception or give to Ms Westland.



We're registered to WIN a \$20,000

Play-Based Learning Village for our School!



And if we WIN, so could YOU!

For the chance to win a \$2,000 cubby for home. Register at

www.castleandcubby.com.au/pages/competitions

Term 3 Enrolment Update

Ms Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

Prep 2023

Northside is currently accepting applications for Prep 2023. Families that have children due to commence Prep in 2023 are encouraged to submit their enrolment applications this year. Enrolment applications are available at the College Reception and via our website.

Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 have now closed and places have been filled. If any existing family has not submitted a Prep 2022 application, please contact the Enrolments Officer at enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. As Prep 2022 places have now been filled, existing families cannot be guaranteed a place for Prep next year.

Leaving Northside?

Families are reminded that one term's notice must be given if your children are leaving Northside. Therefore, if your children are not returning to Northside in 2022, families must complete and submit the College Withdrawal Notice Form by **Thursday 16th September** (last day of Term 3). The Withdrawal Notice is available at the College Reception or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. Families that do not submit the Withdrawal Notice Form by the end of Term 3 will be required to pay one term's fees.



Students on Visas

If your child's VISA status has changed in the last 12 months, please provide a copy of their new VISA to our Reception team, in person or by email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.



Second Hand Uniforms

College families have the opportunity to sell their second hand uniforms directly to other families via the Facebook group [NCC Second Hand Uniforms and Textbooks Buy, Swap Sell](#). Please ensure you read the group rules; only NCC uniforms and textbooks may be sold in this group. NCC provides the platform for the sale of second hand NCC uniforms and textbooks, but these sales and purchases are directly between families, not with NCC.



Safe Devices - Student Electronic Devices

We strive to provide a safe College for all our staff and students. If your student brings a device onsite we ask that you assist by following these steps

- Whenever possible charge the device at home
- All devices must be in good working order at all times, free of cracked screens and free of damaged cords or charges.

If your students device is damaged, please get it repaired as soon as possible.



Fill out a Google Form Entry to:

Prep - Year 4
Ms Annie Paterno

Year 5 - Year 9
Ms Jo Westland

Year 10 - Year 12
Mr Daniel Hennequin

1 GOOGLE FORM FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL

1 ENTRY PER PERSON

STUDENTS

Upload Photos of your Artwork to Google Forms.

MUST INCLUDE:

- Full Name
- Year Level
- Medium:
 - Painting, Drawing, Sculpture
 - Photograph, Digital Drawing

PARENTS

Upload Photos of your Artwork to Google Forms

MUST INCLUDE:

- Full Name
- Year Level (of their child)
- Medium:
 - Painting, Drawing, Sculpture
 - Photograph, Digital Drawing



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Peoples Choice Awards

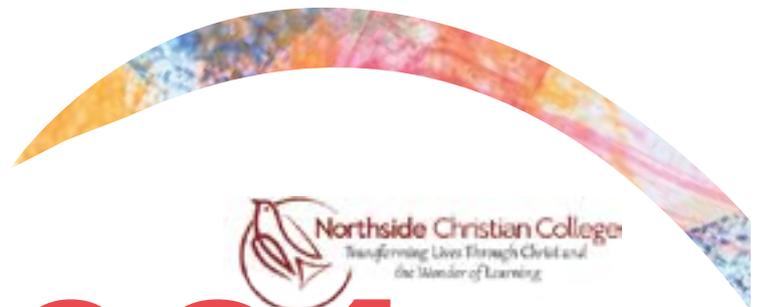
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Art Faculty Awards

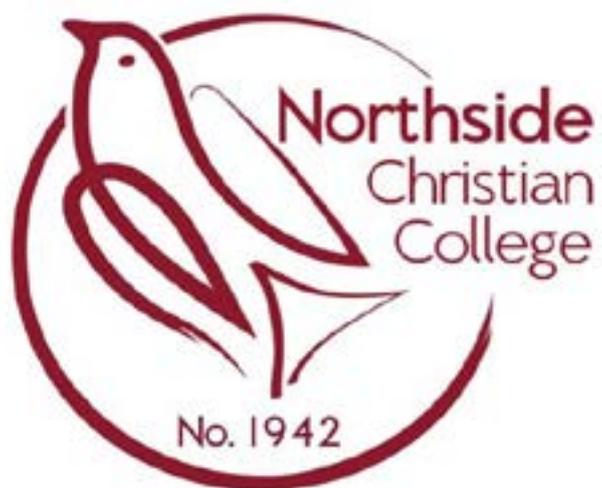
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2021 Online Art Show



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